

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A printer unit, comprising:

a guide path which guides paper;

a printing section having a platen and a printhead located oppositely with the guide path interposed therebetween;

a cutter section which has a stationary blade and a movable blade located oppositely with the guide path interposed therebetween and cuts paper printed at the printing section by

engaging the movable blade with the stationary blade;

a first unit located on one side of the guide path and having either one of the platen and the printhead and either one of the stationary blade and the movable blade;

a second unit located on the other side of the guide path and having either one of the other platen and the other printhead and either one of the other stationary blade and the other movable blade; and

a connecting mechanism which removably connects the first unit to the second unit so as to construct the printing section and the cutter section in the state that the second unit is connected with the first unit.

2. A printer unit according to claim 1, further comprising a unit support section which removably supports the first unit.

3. A printer unit according to claim 1, wherein the connecting mechanism has a plurality of connecting shafts mounted in one

of the units, with the axes thereof directed orthogonally to the direction of guide of the paper along the guide path, and a plurality of support sections provided in the other unit in which the fitting of the connecting shafts is allowed.

4. A printer unit according to claim 3, wherein the platen has a paper support section which supports the paper and a support shaft extended from either end of the paper support section to serve as one of the connecting shafts.

5. A printer unit according to claim 3, further comprising a paper guide which is located in one of the units and supports one side of the paper on the upstream side of the platen in the direction of travel of the paper; and

wherein one of the connecting shafts is located oppositely to the paper guide so that, with the first unit and the second unit connected by the connecting mechanism, the paper will be sandwiched between the connecting shaft and the paper guide.

6. A printer unit according to claim 1, further comprising a movable blade holding section which is mounted on the unit holding the movable blade, and removably holds the movable blade.

7. A printer unit according to claim 2, further comprising a screw for securing the first unit to the unit support section by threaded engagement between the unit support section and the first unit.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE